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THE King orders, that immediately on your Arrival in *England*, you cause to be spread abroad Reports of the Number and Strength of his Majesty's Ships of War, both at *Brest* and *Toulon*; and of their being compleatly mann'd; the Number to be enlarged at Pleasure

Pleaſure as Occaſion may require, in order to intimidate the Enemy as much as poſſible. For this Purpoſe you are to repreſent, the Eaſe with which theſe two Fleets can join each other in a very ſhort Time; and then beat, or ſlip by, any Force the King of *Great-Britain* can arm againſt them; ſo paſs through the Channel and be ready to eſcort the Embarkation now carrying on from *Dunkirk*. Which you are alſo to augment to Fifteen, Twenty or Thirty Thouſand Men, with all their Baggage, Tents, Proviſions, Ammunition, Artillery, Carriages, Horſes, &c. now ſhipp'd on board flat-bottom Boats ready to ſail at a Minute's warning. Theſe Troops you are to deſcribe as the beſt diſciplin'd, the moſt couragious, the beſt inclined to the Service they are engaged in, and the leaſt likely to deſert of any Troops in *Europe*. You are to magnify his Majeſty's Force, ſo that the Loſs of this Body of Troops will not be felt in his Majeſty's Army. From theſe Reports thus artfully raiſed by you, his Majeſty expects great Succeſs, as he has many Friends in *Great-Britain* ready to propagate them: And as the good Effects of ſuch Rumours has already been experienced in the Caſe of the *Scotch*

Army

Army in the Year 1745, which though conſiſting but of 5000 Irregulars, intimidated and ſtruck a Pannic through the whole Kingdom.

And as the King of *Great-Britain* has gained the Univerſal Love of his People, inſomuch that they dread any Accident which may happen to him as the greateſt Evil which can befal them; You are at all Events, by all Means whatever, to endeavour to alienate the Affection of his Subjects from him, if this can poſſibly be effected. For which Purpoſe it will be neceſſary for you, to repreſent all the Treaties concluded with the Empreſs of all the *Ruſſia's*, and the Princes of *Germany*, by which Means only the Progreſs of his Majeſty's Arms in the Conqueſt, firſt of the *Netherlands* and then of *Holland*, can be effectually ſtopp'd, as Meaſures taken ſolely for the Defence of the Electorate of *Hanover*, in which the *Britiſh* Nation can have no Share, but that of bearing the Expence. This Manner of proceeding is ſo abſolutely neceſſary for his Majeſty's Service, that you are to communicate it to ſome Members of the lower Houſe of Parliament; a Liſt of whoſe Names will hereafter be ſent to you; in order to try if you can influence

fluence any of them to make uſe of theſe or ſuch like Arguments in that Houſe, to ſtop if poſſible the preſent vigorous Proceedings of the *Britiſh* Miniſtry againſt his Majeſty's Intereſt. And though his Majeſty cannot even hope that theſe Arguments will prevail in that Houſe, ſo as to obtain their full Force and Effect; yet if undertaken by able Men, who are diſappointed in their ambitious Views, and diſſatisfied in their preſent Stations in the Service of that Crown, may do ſingular Benefit to his Majeſty, by raiſing a Clamour among the Populace in the City of *London*; which if artfully conducted by ſuch as are real, though concealed Friends to his Majeſty, may be ſpread over the whole Kingdom and produce a good Effect. This I have often found to be practiſed with Succeſs, during my Reſidence in that Kingdom while I was detained Priſoner there.

OF all, and every part hereof, you are to take particular Notice.

By order of the King.

Done at VERSAILLES,
19 SEPTEMBER 1755.

BELLISLE.